

The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association
Held in Beechwood Bowling Club, Edinburgh, on Sunday 25th March 2007

Present:

W.McMorran, President	Glencorse
G.Craig, Vice Chair	Lothian & Borders Police
A.Hazzard, Secretary	Bo'ness
A.Dalziel	Lothian & Borders police
W.Dalziel	Lothian & Borders Police
V.McMorran	Glencorse
N.Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
G.Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
C.McLuckie	Bo'ness
E.Hanratty	Penicuik
S.Hazzard	Bo'ness
P.Hazzard	Bo'ness
D.Brand	Newtongrange

Apologies:

J.Hughes, T.Clarke, I.Smpson, J.Brand.

The Vice Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

The minutes of the meeting of 24th February 2007 were approved by Bo'ness and seconded by Torphichen & Bathgate.

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

Secretary's report:

The draw for the forthcoming Branch indoor contest has taken place. There have been a disappointing number of entries from the Branch bands.

Treasurer's report:

There was no report.

National Council report:

A training night for the National Councillors will take place in Headquarters on 4th May 2007.

Music Board report:

There was no report.

Trophy Convenors report:

Only one Branch band has returned their trophy for the Indoor contest. It was said that all bands should return any trophies they have at least four weeks prior to the contest for which they were awarded. Letters have been sent out to all the bands.

Medals and inserts have been ordered.

Education report

It was the day of the Structured Learning exams. There was some discussion on what took place. The students had been taught using the syllabus that has been the standard. However the exam took the new PDQA style of exam and thus caused some concern among the students.

A letter is being sent to RSPBA asking what is to happen to the results of these papers. Other bands that had students attending are urged also to write to RSPBA about this.

A.O.C.B.:

It was asked that some solo pipers who have been grades by the Solo Piping Association be allowed to take part in any Branch solo piping contests. It was said that any Branch solo piping was run on RSPBA rules and they only had age groups.

The Chanter and the Stick & Pad contests prizes at the Indoors will be presented at lunch time.

Clarification was asked for on the wording on the entry forms for the mini bands. It says "Bass and Tenors". It was said that normally there would only be one tenor drummer. This year there will be allowed up to two tenor drummers in the mini bands.

The Branch is looking to purchase new radios. Prices are being sought.

There being no further business the Vice Chairman closed the meeting.

The date of the next meeting is Sunday 29th April 2007 at 6.00pm in Beechwood Bowling Club, Roseburn Street, Edinburgh.